the global economy," said Dr. Ferruccio Angiolini, President and founder of REPI. "With the production running in the new factory, REPI is willing to move to other fields besides polyurethane, supplying companies working in the thermoplastic field."

The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent upon local matches.

North Carolina continues to have a top-ranked business climate. Through Gov. Perdue's JobsNOW initiative, the state works aggressively to create jobs, train and retrain its workforce, and lay the foundation for a strong and sustainable economic future.

Through use of the One NC Fund, more than 50,000 jobs and \$9 billion in investment have been created since 2001. Other partners that helped with this project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community Colleges, N.C. Ports, the Gaston County Economic Development Commission, Electricities of N.C., Gaston County and the City of Gastonia.

For more information about REPI, including job opportunities, go to <a href="https://www.repi.it/Home/tabid/36/language/en-US/Default.aspx">www.repi.it/Home/tabid/36/language/en-US/Default.aspx</a>.

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